(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Opening of New Post Offices

2524. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to open 2000 new post offices;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the share of West Bengal therein and the deadline by which the West Bengal Post Offices would be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS *(SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO)*: (a) The target of new post offices under Annual Plan 1989-90 is 2500.

(b) The State-wise break up of the target is indicated in the annexed statement. (*See* below)

(c) The target proposed for West Bengal during 1989-90 is 175 rural branch post offices and 8 departmental sub post offices subject to concurrence of Ministry of Finance, the targetted number of post offices is expected to be sanctioned by 31.3.1990. While some of the sanctioned post offices would start functioning during the current year itself, the others may be opened within the first few months of the following year.

Statement

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State-wise targets for opening of new post offices

State/Union Territory	No. of New Post Offices proposed to be opened	
	Rural branch post offices (EDBOs)	Departmental Sub Offices (DSOs)
1 2	3	4
1 Andhra Pradesh	100	4
2 Assam	90	3
3 Arunachal Pradesh	30	2
4 Bihar	250	4
5 Gujarat	95	4
6 Goa	20	2
7 *Haryana*	55	3
8 Himachal Pradesh	55	2
9 Jammu & Kashmir	50	2
10 Karnataka	105	4
11 Kerala	75	4
12 Madhya Pradesh	180	4

1	2	3	4
13	Maharashtra	180	8
14	Manipur	30	2
15	Meghalaya	30	2
16	Mizoram	25	2
17	Nagaland	20	2
18	Orissa	150	4
19	Punjab	50	2
20	Rajasthan	125	4
21	Sikkim	30	2
22	Tamil Nadu	70	8
23	Tripura	30	2
24	Uttar Pradesh	355	6
25	West Bengal	175	8
	Union Territories		
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	15	1
2	Chandigarh	5	1
3	Delhi	—	8
4	Pondicherry	5	—
		2400	100

Recommendation of the Commission on General Provident Fund Rules

2525. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision on the recommendation of the Commission on General Provident Fund Rules has been taken;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to grant interest free advance, equal to half month's basis pay, to the Central Government employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The recommendation of the Fourth Central Pay Commission relating to General Provident Fund Rules has been examined and remitted to a Committee of the National Council (Joint Consultative Machinery),